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### Thank you!

The men and women of the 21st Space Wing would like to thank Brig. Gen. Bob Kehler and family for the hard work, dedication and accomplishments over the past two years.

Good luck and Godspeed



Photo by Staff Sgt Jennifer Wallis

### On Guard

Senior Master Sgt. David Lawrence, aka "Iron Mike" and "The General" from the 50th Space Wing, Schriever AFB, Colo., engage in pre-competition jousting prior to the opening ceremonies of Guardian Challenge Monday. Guardian Challenge, the world's premier space and missile competition, is a four-day event hosted annually at Vandenberg AFB, Calif. to test the wartime readiness of Air Force Space Command's finest professionals in the spacelift, ICBM operations, communications, maintenance, helicopter operations, security forces, and chef food preparation disciplines. See Page 6 for more stories and photos of 21st Space Wing Guardian Challenge competitors.

## Wing set for change of command

By Master Sgt. D.K. Grant  
[21st Space Wing Public Affairs](#)

The 21st Space Wing will change hands Wednesday as Brig. Gen. Bob Kehler passes the guidon to Brig. Gen. Duane Deal during a ceremony at 10 a.m. in Hangar 140.

Rehearsals for ceremony participants will be held today, Monday and Tuesday in Hangar 140, 9-10 a.m. Tuesday's rehearsal is a full dress rehearsal, and the uniform of the day for ceremony participants (for Tuesday and Wednesday) is service dress.

Women will wear slacks and low quarters. Attire for observers is uniform of the day.

A reception honoring Deal will be held in the hangar Wednesday, immediately following the ceremony. Those who plan to attend the ceremony are asked to be seated by 9:30. Parking is severely limited, so participants and observers are reminded to take a shuttle bus, which will be available throughout the morning. Buses will pick up at the enlisted club, officer's club, and Bldg. 350.

Buses will drop off at those points following the ceremony as well.

### Change of command shuttle bus schedule

Time	Pickup	Drop Off	Buses
9-9:30 a.m.	Officers' Club Enlisted Club Bldg. 350	Hangar 140	(2) 44 passenger
		Hangar 140	(2) 28 passenger
		Hangar 140	(1) 28 passenger
11-11:30 a.m.	Hangar 140 Hangar 140 Hangar 140	Officers' Club	(2) 44 passenger
		Enlisted Club	(2) 28 passenger
		Bldg. 350	(1) 28 passenger

## Welcome home celebration

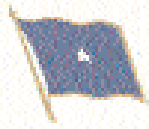
Everyone is invited to attend a welcome home celebration today for the 21st Space Wing Guardian Challenge team. The celebration is tentatively scheduled for 7:30 p.m., but may change based on departure time from Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.

Come out and support the 21st Space Wing team.



## From the Top

### Thank You,



*I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your dedication, hard work, professionalism and friendship during the last 22 months.*

*This has been a time of significant change for both the wing and our nation. We have faced many challenges during my tenure. I could not be prouder or more honored to have been your commander through it all. There is no better team then the Knights of the 21st Space Wing.*

*On behalf of Marj, Matt, and Jared, thank you. Good luck and God speed.*

*"Knight 1"*

## Chief's Corner —

By Chief Master Sgt. Fred Schoettler  
21st Space Wing command chief

### Rubber check day?

What is rubber check day? It's an expression for when a person writes a check several days before pay day and takes a chance that the check might bounce if it gets cashed prior to the funds being transferred in. Maybe in the good old days this was an accepted practice but with today's computers, there is little time delay between the time you write the check and

the time it gets to the bank.

Recently, I was talking with a local bank manager who mentioned the long listing of insufficiently funded checks written days before pay day. The individuals were taking a chance that the checks wouldn't be cashed until pay day. If you practice this method of checking, chances are great that it will catch up with you and you



will have to deal with the fees and the embarrassment of bouncing a check.

Word to the wise, don't do it!

### 21st Space Wing



## GSU At a Glance



**Unit:** Detachment 1, 18th Space Surveillance Squadron  
**Location:** Socorro, NM

**Mission:** The primary mission of the detachment is to detect, track and identify all tasked space objects within its area of coverage. The unit usually provides data on deep space objects in the orbits from 3,000 to 22,000 miles, although it has a limited near earth detection capability. Satellite information is provided to the Space Control Center at Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station.

The detachment is one of three worldwide Ground-based Electro-Optical Deep Space Surveillance sites.

The GEODSS site performs its mission using three powerful telescopes; low light level, electro-optical cameras; and high speed computers. Detachment 1 uses two 40-inch "main" telescopes with a 2-degree field of view, and one "auxiliary" telescope with a 6-degree field of view.

Because the site is an optical sensor, mission operations are limited to relatively clear sky conditions at night. The isolated high desert of central New Mexico provides an excellent location for such operations.

The site is operated and maintained by contract workers. The single Air Force master sergeant assigned is responsible for ensuring that the mission is accomplished.

## News Briefs

### ROAD CLOSURES, DELAYS -

Suffolk Street from Duluth to Hamilton avenues will be closed Monday-May 24 to allow completion of the new fire station.

Hamilton Avenue from Peterson Boulevard to the south end of Hamilton and the flightline gate between Buildings 119 and 117 will also be closed those dates.

For more information, call John Moreau or Bryon Bednar at 556-4184.

### ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE LUNCHEON -

An Asian Pacific American Heritage luncheon is 11 a.m. Tuesday at Peterson's officer's club. Tickets are \$8.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Mitch dela Victoria-Wolff, 556-8367; Yong Davis, 554-3711; Reynaldo Bautista, 567-5691; Bonnie Pavlik, 556-6530; Rich Inouye, 556-9960; Sue King, 554-8652; Maria Ibanez, 556-1040; Dolorina Daniels, 556-4765; or Armand Tibar, 554-5695.

### INSTRUCTOR OPENING -

The Peterson Air Force Base Airman

Leadership School is accepting special duty applications through July 31.

The school is looking for a staff sergeant with at least an associate's degree or the ability to complete one within 12 months.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Joey Quiroz at 556-7737 or Staff Sgt. Kevin Allen at 556-4940.

**TAX PREPARATION** - The Peterson Tax Center will remain open until June 28 to answer tax-related questions and to assist with tax preparations. Electronic filing is still avail-

able for those who filed for an extension. Assistance is also available in filing amended federal and amended Colorado State returns.

For tax questions, call 556-5213. For a tax preparation appointment, call 556-4871.

### MILLER MOTH MIGRATION -

The annual migration of Miller Moths, which normally lasts about four weeks, is underway.

For more information, visit [www.colostate.edu/Depts/CoopExt/LARIMER/millers.htm](http://www.colostate.edu/Depts/CoopExt/LARIMER/millers.htm).



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## News

# Air Force spouses are heart of Air Force

By Nikki Laughlin

810th Medical Operations Squadron

The Peterson Air Force Base's Integrated Delivery System is gearing up to host a new Air Force Space Command spouse orientation program May 24.

The test program, called Heart Link, welcomes spouses who have been married fewer than five years and are new to the military lifestyle.

"The purpose of Heart Link is to educate and involve spouses in the Air Force way of life," said Col. Alvin Strait, 21st Logistics Group commander.

The theme, Heart Link, was chosen to reinforce the feeling that the

spouse is the heart of the Air Force. It focuses on the importance of the spouse as a critical part of the Air Force team, and provides spouses with information about community resources that are available to help them and their families.

"Heart Link's goal is to increase awareness of all the support agencies Peterson has to offer," said Strait.



Heart Link is a six-hour workshop that includes six major sections entitled You and the Air Force – Where You Fit In, Introduction to the Air Force Family, Tool Kit for Preparedness, Communicating Within the Air Force, Healthy Families, and Your Vital Importance to the Air force Family. Activities include briefings on protocol and cus-

toms and traditions. Spouses also get the chance to learn the Air Force song and how to read a leave and earnings statement.

However, the experience the spouses share with each other is a critical piece to the Heart Link program, Strait explained. For this reason, all of the activities are presented in an interactive manner to make the experience more worthwhile and enjoyable for the spouses.

Heart Link is originally an Air Combat Command initiative, which is to be tested throughout all Air Force Space Command bases by December.

Spouses who are interested in attending should contact Nikki Laughlin at 556-8943 to register.

## 101 Critical Days of Summer campaign to kick-off May 17

By Master Sgt. Chuck Cypher

21st Space Wing Safety Office

The 21st Space Wing will officially kick-off the 101 Critical Days of Summer safety campaign May 17, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., at Peterson Air Force Base Park and Pavillion.

Activities at the park include a safety exposition and information fair with such base and local community exhibitors as the 21st Security Forces Squadron, Peterson Fire Department, Colorado Springs Police, Fire and Emergency Management Departments, Operation Lifesaver, the U.S. Coast Guard, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, the Humane Society and many more.

This year's ceremony will also include a golf tournament at the Silver Spruce Golf Course beginning at 7 a.m. Teams and singles are welcome. Cost is \$10 plus green fees and cart, and prizes will be awarded. To sign up, contact Tom Quinn at 556-6781.

Exhibitors will provide general information on topics

such as alcohol awareness and driving, seat belt use, fire, railroad and boating safety.

Hamburger and hot dog lunches with chips and drinks will be sold by the Pikes Peak Top Three Association. The Band of the Rockies' Blue Steel band will also be on the scene to provide music.

The kick-off ceremony wraps-up at 1 p.m. when Brig. Gen. Duane Deal, who assumes command of the 21st SW Wednesday, will address wing members for the first time in a Commanders' Call in the park.

The safety campaign usually runs from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. Historically in the Air Force, this is the period when mishap numbers increase as outdoor activities increase.

This year however, the campaign started May 1 for Air Force Space Command, because of the tragic mishaps that claimed the lives of two Air Force Space Command airmen the last weekend of April.

For more information, contact the 21st Space Wing Safety Office at 556-4392.



Photo by Budd Butcher

### Here comes Santa Claus

A rested, relaxed Santa Claus gives general officer's spouses attending the NORAD Commanders Conference last week the skinny about the annual NORAD Tracks Santa program. The briefing occurred at the Peterson Air Force Base Health and Wellness Center, where Santa also spent a few extra minutes on an aerobic bicycle in preparation for next season's big trip.

## Commissary Food Quality and Assistance Program helps commissary patrons

By Senior Airman Sonja Berry

Public Health technician

Commissary customers who feel they have purchased less-than-satisfactory merchandise have an avenue for relief. The Base Public Health Office, in

conjunction with the commissary can help ensure customer satisfaction.

The food safety section of Public Health is responsible for investigating customer returned food items that they consider unsatisfactory because of poor quality or unwholesomeness or items that have expired expiration dates.

Whenever customers find that food sold at the commissary is expired, unwholesome or unsatisfactory, they can submit a Food Quality Report, DeCA Form 40-45. This form is available at the commissary customer service window. The defective prod-

uct should be returned to the commissary for Public Health to evaluate its wholesomeness. The Public Health inspector must evaluate the product, as well as other similar products in the store, and if necessary, send the product to the lab for an in-depth analysis. This can save other customers from similar problems.

Any other food-related problems should be brought to the attention of the facility concerned and to the base Public Health office.

For any additional information, contact the Public Health office at 556-1225.



# Countering terrorism requires your help

You know who or what belongs – or doesn’t belong – in your building, neighborhood or work center.

Recognition of this fact is behind one of the latest Air Force antiterrorism initiatives, a program known as “Eagle Eyes.”

The program has characteristics of a typical neighborhood-watch program, and Air Force officials consider it a key piece in the service’s antiterrorism strategy.

According to Special Agent William Mowry, commander, Detachment 803, Air Force Office of Special Investigations, the program takes its cue from the experiences of British and Israeli authorities, which have significant experience dealing with urban terrorism.

“They (British and Israeli authorities) make it their business to pay a lot of attention to small things that, in combination, can indicate they’re being targeted,” Mowry said. “Eagle Eyes is our model for doing just that. The simple act of recognizing suspicious behavior and reporting it to base authorities could thwart terrorist acts and save lives.”

In Colorado Springs and around Peterson, anyone with something to report should immediately call the 21st Space Wing Security Forces Law Enforcement desk at 556-4000. From there, security forces will respond as appropriate to the immediate situation and immediately pass the report to OSI Det. 803. From there, OSI will begin appropriate follow-up action, which may include an agent responding to talk with the person who called in the report to gain additional information on what was seen or heard.

At the same time, the information will be quickly relayed to OSI’s central analytical center at Andrews AFB, Md., to compare with other Air Force reports, as well as similar information from the Army, Navy and other federal agencies.

It all begins at the local level, Mowry said,

where terrorists conduct planning activities.

“Every terrorist operation is preceded by precursor events that people need to recognize and report,” said Mowry. “Terrorist acts don’t just happen – they are carefully planned and rehearsed many, many times in advance.”

The key, Mowry said, is awareness of what to look for and take note of both on and off base.

“This is something the whole community needs to be involved in,” Mowry said. “Anyone – from active-duty military members, to family members, to government civilians, contractors, and even off-base business proprietors – could see something out of the ordinary, report it, and make the difference between a terrorist act occurring or not occurring. Our best chance to detect and prevent a terrorist act in our community is to vigilantly report it. The more eyes and ears we can enlist to be on the lookout for suspicious activity, the more difficult we can make it for terrorists to act.”

Agent Mowry said people shouldn’t be gun-shy about reporting incidents that could turn out to be innocent behavior.

“That’s bound to happen from time to time, but you don’t know if it’s innocent until you report it and have it checked out,” Mowry said. “We’re much less concerned about too much reporting than we are with too little. When lives are at stake, it’s better to be safe than sorry. If in doubt, report it. Your call could make the difference. The bottom line is if something bothers you or doesn’t seem right, tell someone.”

Mowry said activity that should be reported could be classified into seven broad categories:

- Elicitation. People or organizations attempting to gain information about military operations, capabilities, or people. Elicitation attempts may be made by mail, fax, telephone, or in person.
- Tests of security. Any attempts to measure

reaction times to security breaches or to penetrate physical security barriers or procedures in order to assess strengths and weaknesses.

■ Acquiring supplies. Purchasing or stealing explosives, weapons, ammunition, etc. Also includes acquiring military uniforms, decals, flight manuals, passes or badges or any other controlled items.

■ Suspicious persons out of place. People who don’t seem to belong in the workplace, neighborhood, business establishment, or anywhere else. Includes suspicious border crossings and stowaways aboard ship or people jumping ship in port.

■ Dry run. Putting people into position and moving them around according to their plan without actually committing the terrorist act. This is especially true when planning a kidnapping, but it can also pertain to bombings. An element of this activity could also include mapping out routes and determining the timing of traffic lights and flow.

■ Deploying assets. People and supplies getting into position to commit the act. This is a person’s last chance to alert authorities before the terrorist act occurs.

The Eagle Eyes program has the full support of 21st Space Wing commander, Brig. Gen. Bob Kehler.

“Eagle Eyes falls right in line with the increased actions and sense of awareness we’ve been taking here at Peterson since Sept. 11,” said Kehler.

“Our community extends beyond our gates and the Eagle Eyes program is really a ‘high-octane’ neighborhood watch. It ensures we’re constantly on watch for any kind of suspicious behavior where we live, work and play.

One lesson that’s come out of Sept. 11 is that we must never forget it is up to each of us individually to report any unusual or suspicious activity that could ultimately save someone’s life.”

*(Courtesy of OSI public affairs)*

# New Mexico detachment selected for new mission

By MSgt John Moore  
[Detachment 1, 18 SPSS detachment chief](#)

An Air Force Space Command Space Battle Lab team recently informed members of Detachment 1, 18th Space Surveillance Squadron that the detachment had been selected as AFSPC’s number one choice to host Warfighter Rapid Acquisition Program initiatives.

Lt. Col. Thomas Resha, Maj. Norman Williams, and Capt Tana Huston, all AFSPC Space Battle Lab, also presented a plaque in appreciation of the support detachment personnel provided during the Infra-Red Cloud Imager proof of concept testing conducted during 2001 at the Socorro, N.M. location.

The IRCI demonstration is the result of a Space Warfare Center, Space Battle Lab, WRAP initiative seeking industry partners with mature technologies to increase military competencies.

The initiative began in 2001 with Pikes Peak Observatory personnel installing what was originally called the Infrared Cloud Monitor at the detachment.

They trained site personnel to operate the system, and kept it operational for several months, concluding the tests in February, 2001. Operators provided feedback to PPO for possible software modifications to increase ease of operation and enhance system reliability and capability.

The Infrared Cloud Imager is an instrument using the mid-infrared spectrum along with a fish-eye camera and computer to detect clouds. It was based on astronomer Dimitri Klebe's mid-IR camera design used at the University of Denver observatory.

Its utility as a cloud monitor was realized when the sensor was often overwhelmed by cloud emissions. The industry also benefited when technology progressed in IR processing, and cryogenic cooling was no longer an issue.

Since 1982, the detachment has used the traditional method for cloud detection -- operators step outside, look skyward and guesstimate the 24 sectors that can or can't be tracked. They then return to the operation room and select the sector(s) to avoid attempts at tracking satellites.

The IRCI divides the sky into 104 sectors which provides a greater capability for determining more potentially 'open' tracking areas with finer resolution. It will also allow the operators to remain inside, monitor the cloud cover in real-time, and when integrated into the software, update the system constantly.

The unit is preparing to integrate this technological advance into their operations. With this and other projected upgrades to the Ground-Based Electro-Optical Deep Space Surveillance system in the next year or so, the site should see a significant increase in performance capability.

# Clear award winners honored in ceremony

Members of the 13th Space Warning Squadron, Clear Air Force Station, Alaska, recently traveled to Fairbanks to attend the annual Military Appreciation Banquet sponsored by the local community.

The banquet was held to honor the 2001 award winners from Eielson Air Force Base, Fort Wainwright and Clear Air Force Station.

The guest speaker was Air Force Chief

of Staff, Gen John P. Jumper.

Air Force members from the 13th SWS who were recognized at the banquet were Staff Sgt. William Fox, 21st Space Wing Information Professional of the Year; Senior Airman Anthony Mayo, 13th Space Warning Squadron Airman of the Year; Airman 1st Class Jeremy McCarty, 21st Operations Group Airman of the Quarter, 4th Quarter 2001.



Courtesy photo

**Pictured from left to right are: Staff Sgt. William Fox, 21st Space Wing Information Professional of the Year; Senior Airman Anthony Mayo, 13th Space Warning Squadron Airman of the Year; General John P. Jumper, Air Force chief of staff; Master Sgt. June Phillips, 30th Space Wing and Team First Sergeant of the Year; Airman 1st Class Jeremy McCarty, 21st Operations Group Airman of the Quarter, 4th Quarter**

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## Guardian Challenge

# Cookin’ with gas

## Chefs light fire under competition

By Lynn Gonzales  
[Guardian Challenge Public Affairs](#)

VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. - The chefs started their Guardian Challenge competition Monday with the essential element of their trade - heat.

In the first of three events for the cooking teams at Guardian Challenge, Air Force Space Command’s annual space and missile competition, chefs from four space wings competed in a safety event that required each team to disassemble, assemble and light an M-2 burner, a gasoline-operated burner used by the Department of Defense since the Korean War. The burner is an essential part of a field kitchen when setting up facilities in a remote location.

Each of the four teams consisted of two chefs from the 21st Space Wing at Peterson AFB, Colo.; 90th SW at F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo.; 91st SW at Minot AFB, N.D.; and 341st SW at Malmstrom AFB, Mont.

“They trained real hard for this,” said Master Sgt. Michael Ferricher, trainer for



Staff Sgt. Jennifer Wallis

### Tactical maneuvers

Tech. Sgt. Timothy Winfree, left, 21st Security Forces Squadron, attempts to advance through the course during the Guardian Challenge tactics event Monday. The security forces competition tests teams ability to react to scenarios that they might encounter in their everyday work. Teams are also tested in combat marksmanship and completion of an obstacle course.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jennifer Wallis

Senior Airman Andrea Howard from the 21st Space Wing "Knights" ensures the flame from the M-2 burner is operational during the Guardian Challenge chef competition Monday.

the 21st SW chefs. “They got up early, sometimes as early as four in the morning, and worked long hours to learn to properly utilize the equipment.”

Following a short, multiple-choice test, competitors faced an assembled burner that needed to be broken down into its components. Once taken apart, those components are then re-assembled and fuel pumped through it.

“When they’re taking apart and putting together the burner, we’re checking to make sure they follow certain safety procedures,” said Master Sgt. John Fitzgerald, chefs’ competition evaluator. “Taking it apart and putting it together was added to address the maintenance aspect, which is important out in the field.”

When broken or damaged components interfere

with the regular course of the event, as happened to the 91st SW, timing of the event is paused while the components are exchanged, and the competition continues without the competitors being penalized for the delay.

The M-2 burner event is only the first event in the chefs’ competition. Chefs from each team will face a food preparation event and marksmanship event later in the week. These events consist of preparing a meal for 50 people and firing 30 rounds from an M-16 rifle using various positions and targets.

“The competition spirit gets you going and makes you want to do well,” said Senior Airman Melissa Hudson, 341st SW competitor. “If we can do well here and take that spirit back with us to the base, it will boost morale there.”



Sunday

- Mother's Day brunch, seating at 10 and 11 a.m., and 12:30 and 1:30 p.m., officers' club. Reservations only. Call 574-4100.
- Mother's Day brunch, enlisted club. Reservations suggested. Call 556-4194.

Monday

- Mothers on the Move, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, Family Advocacy Center.

Tuesday

- Sponsorship training, 7:30-8:30 a.m., Family Support Center.

Wednesday

- Cajun food family style buffet, 5-7 p.m., enlisted club.
- Mongolian barbecue, 6-8 p.m., officers' club.
- Use the golf simulator free, Wednesdays, Silver Spruce Golf Course.



Photo by Budd Butcher

Monkey on your back?

As part of Law Day Monday, Staff Sgt. Steve Lopez, 21st Security Forces Squadron, is attacked by a military working dog during an apprehension training demonstration at the Peterson Air Force Base park and pavillion.

Thursday

- Children's play group, 10:30 a.m.-noon, base chapel.
- Stress management, 1-4 p.m., Schriever Air Force Base Health and Wellness Center.

May 17

- Ladies match play tournament, 8 a.m., Silver Spruce Golf Course.

Helpful Numbers

- Family Advocacy Center 556-8943
- Education Center 556-4064
- Library 556-7462
- Community Center 556-7671
- Aquatics Center 556-4608
- Fitness Center 556-4462
- Officers' Club 556-4181
- Enlisted Club 556-4194
- Youth Center 556-7220
- Family Support Center 556-6141
- Chapel 556-4442
- Red Cross 556-9201

Community Notes

Community News

**SMALL BUSINESS SEMINAR** - A small business seminar addressing the steps to follow in establishing a small business is scheduled for May 22, 8 a.m.-noon, at the Family Support Center. There will be a \$15 fee per person for materials.

**U.S. AIR FORCE BAND OF THE ROCKIES** - Tickets are available from Ticketmaster for the United States Air Force Band of the Rockies free, public "Armed Forces Concert," Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Arnold Hall Theater, U.S. Air Force Academy.

**MAGIC SHOW** - The 5th annual "Colorado Springs's STARS OF MAGIC" begins at 7 p.m. May 17 at the base auditorium. Pre-show entertainment starts at 6 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children ages 3-12.

For more information, call 556-8741.

**AIRMAN'S ATTIC:** The Airman's Attic is open noon-3 p.m. Tuesdays and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. the second and fourth Saturdays of the month.

To volunteer at the Airman's Attic, call Linda at 472-4837.

**SMILE PROGRAM** - The 810th Medical Operations Squadron will kick off the One SMILE program at 1 p.m., Tuesday in the enlisted club. The orientation offers instruction on local medical treatment facilities' resources and procedures, as well as their TRI-CARE benefits.

**CLINIC FOCUS GROUP** - The Peterson clinic is forming a clinic focus group to provide a forum where customers can provide feedback and suggestions for clinic services. Contact the office today for information about being a part of the group, 556-1010.

**CHILD CARE** - Military spouses who provide child care, or who want to, for children other than their own for 10

hours or more per week must be licensed to do so in on-base quarters.

For more information, call Barb Ziegler at 556-4322.

**DEFENSE COMMISSARY AGENCY** - DeCA is accepting applications for the student temporary employment program in the areas of checker and worker.

For more information, call the Peterson Air Force Base Commissary at 556-7765 or 556-7770.

**GOLF NEWS** - Mother's Day sale May 5-12. Also use the golf simulator free on Wednesday's.

**CLUB MEMBERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM** - Nominations and essays for scholarships available through the enlisted and officers' clubs must be received by July 15.

Essays should be 500 words on the topic, "Air Force clubs -- how to continue the tradition.

For details, call club managers at 556-4194 or 556-4181.

**U-FIX-IT STORE** - The Self Help Center in Bldg. 1322 is now open Mondays through Saturdays, 7:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m., for maintenance assistance.

**YOUTH CAMPS** - The Youth Center has information available about camps in archery, baseball, basketball, golf, NFL, soccer or tennis.

Call Karen or Tina at 556-7220 for more information.

Military Personnel  
Flight

**HOURS:** The MPF is open for appointments only 8-10 a.m. daily. Customer service and records hours are 8 a.m.-4 p.m. for military identification cards, DEERS enrollment and verification. Active duty members can also view their personnel records by using the virtual MPF. Log on to [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil) and click on VMPF and follow the log-on procedures.

**FAMILY MEMBER ID CARDS:** Family members' ID cards are only renewed if they are about to expire or lost, and not for sponsors' change of grade. They can only be reissued 20 days prior to their expiration. The military member must be present to sign the ID card application unless the family member has a power-of-attorney.

Community Activities  
Center

**TICKETS** - Discount tickets for the May 19 Craftsman truck race at Pikes Peak International Raceway are available.

**CLASSES** - Framing, scrapbooking, and stained glass classes are slated for May, call 556-1732.

**TICKETS** - Free tickets for eligible people are available for Sky Sox Night, May 30. The Colorado Springs Sky Sox will play the Salt Lake City Stingers.

Education Center

**TUITION ASSISTANCE** - Beginning Oct. 1 the Air Force will pay 100 percent tuition assistance -- up to \$250 per semester hour with an annual cap of \$4,500 -- for active-duty members.

**CCAF** - This year's Community College of the Air Force graduation is scheduled for May 30, 2 p.m., at the enlisted club.

**SUMMER TESTING HOURS** - The summer testing schedule for June and July is as follows.

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays: 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Sign in up to 15 minutes prior to testing.

The ACT will be offered June 10, and the SAT will be offered on June 24. Sign up begins at 8:15 a.m., and doors close at 8:30.

Call the Education Center at 556-4064 for more information.

Peterson Air  
Force Base  
Chapel Schedule

Protestant  
Services

Liturgical Worship  
8:15 a.m.  
Traditional Sunday  
Worship 11 a.m.  
Gospel Services  
12:30 p.m.

Sunday School  
9:45 a.m.

Catholic  
Services

Mass  
Weekdays  
11:35 a.m.  
Saturdays 5 p.m.  
Sundays 9:30 a.m.  
Reconciliation  
Saturdays 4 p.m.  
Religious  
Education  
Adult and pre K-  
12th grade Sundays  
8:30 a.m.



# Honor guard members learn from Air Force's best

By Staff. Sgt.  
Melanie Epperson  
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

Members of the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard Mobile Training Team instructed an honor guard basic protocol, honors and ceremonies class April 29 -May 2 for 30 honor guard members from the U.S. Air Force Academy, Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station, and Buckley, Peterson and Schriever Air Force Bases last week at Peterson AFB.

"It was great to have the Air Force Honor Guard at the competition last week, and then have them stay on to teach the course," said Major James Newton, High Frontier Honor Guard officer in charge.

According to the instructors, the class is designed to standardize individual base honor guards Air Force wide.

"Each base honor guard does a certain ceremony a certain way, but each honor guard should do them all the same," said Master Sgt. Gerald Sonntag, High Frontier Honor Guard Bravo Flight team leader.

"We need standardization to help eliminate the confusion during training from flight to flight and base to base."

Standardization is also important for individuals on the team.

"You take pride in knowing you're doing the ceremonies exactly right and representing the Air Force by doing your best," said Airman 1st Class

Christine Mack, High Frontier Honor Guard Alpha Flight trainer.

Class members gathered in Hangar 140 each day from 7 a.m. until training requirements were met.

"The training was intense," said Senior Airman Karmann Tovar, High Frontier Honor Guard Delta Flight trainer. "And we have the blisters to prove it."

"In the end, we were all really proud of what we had accomplished."

According to one noncommissioned officer attending the class, the Honor Guard instructors reinforced the Air Forces core values.

"The intense training rekindled in me what every airman learns in airman leadership school," said Staff Sgt. Carisa Whitfield, High Frontier Honor Guard Alpha Flight team member.

"The instructors taught us to honor with dignity."

To graduate the course, class members had to demonstrate proficiency by performing the three elements for both standard and full military honors funerals. The elements are colors, a team consisting of flag bearers and two weapons guards; pallbearers, the team that carries the casket and folds the flag; and firing party, the team that fires the 21 gun salute.

For more information on the High Frontier Honor Guard, call Staff Sgt. David Smith or Staff Sgt. David Giberson at 556-8226.



Clockwise from top: Members of the Air Force Honor Guard Mobile Training Team from Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C., demonstrate the proper procedures for the colors element of a full honors military funeral. Staff Sgt. John Payne, Air Force Honor Guard instructor, middle, watches for mistakes as a student team performs pallbearer duties for a standard funeral. The pallbearers carry the casket to its resting place as the firing party watches in the background. Senior Airman Dawvel Brooks, Air Force Honor Guard instructor, far right, goes over final instructions for the student team performing firing party duties for a full military honors funeral.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Melanie Epperson



# Tip of the Sword

## Quarterly award winners named

Peterson Air Force Base quarterly award winners were announced this week. They include 21st Space Wing, U.S. Space Command/NORAD and Air Force Space Command award winners.

### 21st Space Wing

**Company grade officer:** Capt. Jason H. Gross, 6th Space Warning Squadron, Cape Cod Air Force Station, Mass.

**Senior NCO:** Master Sgt. Gordon R. Wilkins, 21st Civil Engineer Squadron, Peterson AFB

**Noncommissioned officer:** Tech. Sgt. David G. Perez, 21st Security Forces Squadron, Peterson AFB  
**Airman:** Airman 1st Class Michelle R. Zeller, 21st Contracting Squadron, Peterson AFB

**Civilian, Category I:** Lyle W. Yingling, 13th Space Warning Squadron, Clear AFS, Alaska

**Civilian Category II:** Deborah B. Mayes, 21st Mission Support Squadron, Peterson AFB

**Civilian Category III:**

Gregory L. White, 21st Services Squadron, Peterson AFB

**Honor Guard Airman:** Senior Airman Andrew A. Cases, Jr., Electronic Systems Center Detachment 5, Peterson AFB

**Honor Guard NCO:** Staff Sgt. Cozette Teasley, 18th Intelligence Squadron, Schriever AFB, Colo.

**Team Award:** Military Formal Training Team - the three members are Randy Brennan, Richard Gropp and Bretaigne Phillips

### Air Force Space Command

**CGO:** Capt. Sean McKenna, Public Affairs Directorate

**Senior NCO:** Master Sgt. Samuel A. McLean, Communications Support Squadron

**NCO:** Tech. Sgt. Chris M. Milius, Communications Support Squadron

**Airman:** Senior Airman Jovoni R. Mercado, Communications Support Squadron

**Civilian Category I:**

Margaret R. Harris, Communications Support Squadron

**Civilian Category II:** Fred E. Bell, Civil Engineer Flight  
**NORAD**

**CGO:** Capt. David Farmer, Cheyenne Mountain Operations Center, Command, Control and Communications Directorate

**Senior NCO:** Master Sgt. Michael Poplawski, Cheyenne Mountain Operations Center, Command, Control and Communications Directorate

**NCO:** Tech. Sgt. Laura Pfender, Intelligence Directorate

### U.S. Space Command

**CGO:** 2nd Lt. Donna Reising, Intelligence Directorate

**Senior NCO:** Sgt. 1st Class Mark Lawson, Intelligence Directorate

**NCO:** OS1 Brian McClenaghan, Operations Directorate

**Junior Enlisted:** Airman 1st Class Shaun Zink, Intelligence Directorate

## Star Performer:

### Airman 1st Class Alejandro Prinz

**NAME:** Airman 1st Class Alejandro Prinz

**UNIT:** 21st Contracting Squadron

**HOMETOWN:** Miami, Fla.

**TIME IN SERVICE:** 2 Years, 6 months.

Airman 1st Class Alejandro Prinz is a contract specialist who works in the Simplified Acquisition Base Engineer

Requirements section. He is a key player in base support. He chairs meetings with contractors and engineers, conducts negotiations, and manages high visibility projects. Many of his efforts saved the government time and money.

Prinz is the president of the squadron's booster club and was selected as the 21st CONS airman of the quarter last quarter. He is involved in the community with organizations such as Silver Key.

Prinz is also a member of the High Frontier Honor Guard. He is actively pursuing his bachelor's degree and is striving to become an officer.

Off duty, Prinz likes to work on his car and spend time with his wife, Carolina.





Commentary

Annual march remembers those who suffered, died marching from Bataan

**Master Sgt. Ralph L. Tisdale**  
Family Support Center Superintendent

A good friend, Master Sgt. Joe Beal, recently asked me to participate in the Bataan Memorial Death March at the White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico. He emphasized the importance of this year marking the 60th Anniversary of the Bataan March, a historical event in which so many brave men suffered and died. The memorial march is an Army-sponsored event that would require us to walk 26.2 miles through the desert. Sounded like a piece of cake. We had already been doing 8-10 mile hikes with substantial elevation gains, so what could be so hard about walking 26.2 through the desert?

The hike was on a Sunday, so we departed Colorado Springs early on Saturday to secure a good camping spot near the starting line. Upon our arrival, they told us about the 5:30 a.m. reveille, 6 a.m. recognition ceremony and 6:30 a.m. start time. Sunday morning, we were up by 4 a.m. to give us time to eat breakfast and breakdown our camp. I really wanted to skip the ceremonies so we wouldn't be so rushed, but Joe insisted we get there early so we didn't miss anything. I'm so glad we went early. At the starting

line, a crowd of about 4,200 had formed for the big hike. As we stood there in the early morning chill waiting for the 6:30 a.m. start, I noticed several elderly gentlemen standing on the stage. At 6 a.m., the garrison commander welcomed everyone and introduced the gentlemen as survivors of the World War II Bataan Death March in the Philippines. As he spoke of the unbelievable hardships these men endured, the large crowd became silent. We listened as he told us about the 12,000 men who were captured at Bataan and forced to endure a 90-mile march through the jungle with little or no water only to spend the next three and a half years in a Japanese POW camp. Any man who needed a rest or stopped for water was executed. Many survivors speak of the horrors of listening to shots and screams from the jungle knowing that the same fate awaited them if they didn't keep moving. As I listened, it really hit home how lucky we are to enjoy the many freedoms given to us from people like those brave men of Bataan.

After the commander's comments, we were asked to form up at the starting line. As we stood there, the crowd started to applaud. I noticed those who had been sitting on the sides had risen to their feet. The crowd was

cheering and applauding, but I didn't know why. Just then the sea of people started to part as several elderly men made their way through the crowd. These were the "Fighting Bastards of Bataan" and they were now walking right past me. As I shook their hands and looked into their eyes, I felt completely awestruck. I was shaking hands with truly great men. They're not movie stars or sports legends, they're more than that.

At 6:30 a.m. a cannon was fired signaling the start of the march. As we walked, I saw people with the names of family members they had lost at Bataan pinned on their backs. I spoke with many who knew the history of Bataan. One man spoke of prisoners who were literally dying of thirst only being allowed to drink from a puddle with a maggot infested corpse in it. Another told me about the 307 men who died in hospitals within a year of returning to the states. Still another described the horrific conditions on the transport ships many were forced to endure, only to lose their lives because the Japanese didn't adhere to the Geneva Convention and properly mark the ships as POW transports, resulting in many perishing from allied attacks.

We soon discovered 26.2 miles in the desert is not a piece of cake. In

fact, when you throw in ankle deep sand, the heat, and steep inclines it can be downright nasty. We both had some pretty big blisters on our feet, not to mention soreness in almost every part of our bodies. And to think the "Battling Bastards of Bataan" walked 90 miles with no Gatorade or fresh fruit breaks every two miles. Here we were complaining about hiking through sand when the men of Bataan had to deal with marching over the remains of comrades who had fallen from exhaustion. As the miles passed, we both got a little obsessed with thoughts of where we would eat dinner when we finished the hike but then we'd start thinking about the men of Bataan. They had no food, no water and very little hope. Of the 12,000 captured, very few would survive. In fact, 1,500 died within the first 40 days of arriving at the camp. Many more would perish in the next three years. They were truly alone, which explains their motto, "No mama, no papa, no Uncle Sam."

In the end, we finished the march and were grateful for the opportunity to participate in such a worthwhile event. Anyone who wants to participate in next year's march can visit <http://www.wsmr.army.mil/paopage/pages/bmdm/index.htm>.



# Sports

## Sports Shorts– *Bowlers have options at bowling center*

**Lifeguards** - For information about life-guard training, call the Aquatics Center at 556-4608.

**Baseball fields** - Youth baseball fields are off limits to everyone except the base youth program participants. Field number four is open for general use.

To reserve an adult baseball playing field, call Ernie Martin at 556-4462.

**Golf course** - Summer hours are in effect at the Silver Spruce Golf Course.

The course is open 7 a.m.-dark. The pro shop is open 6:30 a.m.-7 p.m., and the 19th Hole Grill is open 6:30 a.m.-5 p.m. The driving range is open 6:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Daily tee times must be scheduled.

For more information, call 556-7414.

**Youth sports camps** - Youth may still sign up for summer camps in archery, baseball, basketball, golf, football, soccer and tennis. Space is limited.

For more information, call 556-7220.

**Competition** - A youth baseball competition for 7-12-year-olds is scheduled for Saturday, 10 a.m., at the youth baseball fields.

**Baseball registration** - Youth baseball registration continues through May 17. Coaches are also needed for baseball teams for youths ages 3-12.

For more information, call 556-7220

**Fly tying** - A fly tying class is from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at outdoor recreation. Cost is \$20.

For more information call outdoor recreation at 556-4194.



Photo by Master Sgt. D.K. Grant  
**Dennis Butcher, bowling center manager, gets in a little practice at the Peterson Air Force Base Bowling Center.**

**By 2nd Lt. Mike Andrews**

21st Space Wing Public Affairs

If you like bowling but want a change from the traditional bowling league, the Peterson bowling center has the answer for you. The center offers a 40-frame summer league designed to allow bowlers to have a great time while testing their bowling skills.

The 40-frame game is different from the normal leagues in that it offers opportunities and challenges with every frame you bowl.

“It’s a very exciting game that our people have really enjoyed in the past,” said Danny Butcher, bowling center manager.

The fun part, he said, is that some frames offer bowlers a break, while other frames can easily set them back. Here’s how it works: Examples of the good frames include the payday, mulligan, no-tap, and super pin frames. The payday pays cash for those who get a strike, with the payout starting at \$1 (increasing as the league progresses). Another way to make some money is during the super whammy. If you strike out frames 35-40, you “break the pot”. The pot starts at \$100 and increases every week until someone breaks it.

During the mulligan frames, bowlers have the choice of throwing over if they don’t like their first ball. Bowlers who knock down nine pins during the no-tap frames get to count it as a strike, and who couldn’t use a little help on the scoreboard? And the super pin frames give an extra 10 or 25 pins if you strike.

Now for the frames with some teeth. Two frames are designed to take pins away, but that possibility can be avoided with a strike. The sour grape frame takes two pins away for every pin left standing. The super sour grape frame takes five pins for every pin left. So a bowler who chokes or hits the gutter will lose some points.

“I’ve bowled in 40 frame tournaments, and you always have a great time, said Butcher. “You can have a lot of fun and really get into the challenge of the game.”

The league is Friday nights, 7 p.m., beginning May 24. Teams are for two people. Stop by the bowling center to sign up, or call Butcher, 556-4607, for more information.